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**From:** Lenkowsky, Leslie  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 13, 2002 12:43 PM  
**To:** Kowalczyk, Gary; Mauk, Rosie K.; Zenker, Wendy; Washburn, Susannah  
**Subject:** RE: Number of AmeriCorps Members

It is a VERY good thing. A major thrust of our efforts is to get more volunteers per dollar expended. While we have talked about that mostly in terms of leveraging regular volunteers, getting more mileage from the AmeriCorps ones is great. So, let's make sure this is in our report.

Les

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**From:** Kowalczyk, Gary  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2002 3:03 PM  
**To:** Lenkowsky, Leslie; Mauk, Rosie K.; Zenker, Wendy; Washburn, Susannah  
**Subject:** Number of AmeriCorps Members

I've been tracking some of the latest data on AmeriCorps enrollments. We have now reached 56,500 AmeriCorps members in the current program year (2001). It generally takes until Nov./Dec. to complete the count, and it will, based on my estimate, total between 57,500 and 58,000. Last year's (2000) count was at 54,250.

Both 2000 and 2001 greatly exceed the 44,000 enrollment level in 1999.

If we think it wise to do so, we can claim that this growth, while not funded by the current President's budget, did certainly occur during his Administration. This is clearly a possible item for the Freedom Corps report.

We have not yet totaled up the number of members approved in the grants just reviewed for 2002. But that will certainly exceed 58,000. And that was a budget proposed and enacted under President Bush.

We'll need to be able to explain how and why we've exceeded 50,000 – given that our budget and overall rhetoric is that we are going from 50,000 to 75,000, but I think that the higher number is generally a good thing: more ed award only, cost sharing by nonprofits, interest, etc... And down the line we'll need to make sure we have enough \$s in the Trust.

Gary